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NOT TO EXTEND TO RIO GRANDE

COL. SAM FORDYCE TALKS TO HOUSTON POST REPORTER.

Says Railroad Extension Rumor Is Unfounded—Pleased With Crop Prospects—New Gin at Mercedes Invention of Col. Fordyce's Son.

Mercedes, Texas, June 15.—It is not the intention of the St. Louis, Brownsville and Mexico Railway company to extend the line from Sam Fordyce to Rio Grande now, as has been published in connection with the presence of Colonel Sam Fordyce, chairman of the board of directors of the road, in this section, by some of the newspapers.

Colonel Fordyce said that while it has always been intended to make the Rio Grande extension, and it would be made, his visit to the valley at this time was not to look over the field with a view to immediate extension.

"I wanted to look over my property down here and go fishing," continued the colonel. "The purpose of my visit was to attend a meeting of the board of directors of the railway, which was held at Kingsville, and to accompany my wife's niece to Mercedes, where she will remain with her brothers during vacation."

Canal Project On.

Touching his visit to Rio Grande, Colonel Fordyce stated that it was in connection with a high line canal project which has been in contemplation for some time by valley interests. No action looking to the immediate building of the high line canal was taken.

Colonel Fordyce is well pleased with prospects in this section as a whole, and particularly so with the crop outlook on his own plantation, situated near Mercedes. He left this afternoon for Tarpon Beach to attend to the fishing part of his trip and will return within a few days to inspect the gin now nearing completion here and in which he is interested financially.

This gin Colonel Fordyce terms a "demonstration plant," and is the only one of its kind in the State of Texas. The great point of difference between this and other gins is the method of removing the lint from the gin saws, the removal being accomplished by air suction. Instead of brushes, and the method is the invention of John Fordyce, eldest son of the colonel. The claim is made that the Fordyce air suction system makes a smoother, cleaner and better sample than any other gin, which gives higher grade and prices to the farmers. These gins are manufactured by a Little Rock concern and an expert from the factory is now here to install and adjust the machinery. The gin, it is stated, will be ready for work within ten days. The first bale is expected here about July 1.

Colonel Fordyce will probably remain in the valley two weeks or longer before returning North.—Special correspondence Houston Post.

MR. PERKINS VISITS GALVESTON. Sees Santa Fe Vice President, But May Have Been Accident.

Albert T. Perkins, vice president and managing director of the Brownsville railroad, accompanied by C. B. Rodgers, general manager of the road, visited Galveston Monday for a short time. What significance, if any, the visit had is not known, but the fact that while there Mr. Perkins met a prominent member of the Santa Fe system may mean something. The Galveston News publishes the following report of the event:

"The Brownsville men spent but a comparatively short time here, and it is said their visit was principally for the purpose of looking over Galveston's facilities generally. What plans they may have up their sleeve no one knows. While here they met Vice President Pettibone of the Santa Fe, but it can not be stated whether this has any significance or not."

Messrs. Perkins and Rodgers returned to Houston Tuesday morning, with Traffic Manager Doherty they visited the offices of the company and also conferred with various railroad officials relative to matters pertaining to the road. In conversation with a reporter, Mr. Perkins spoke very hopefully of the road, which he said has a brilliant future. The country along the Gulf Coast line, he said, is becoming populated very fast, the outlook for heavy crops this year is excellent, and the officials are expecting a prosperous year.

Mr. Perkins returned to St. Louis yesterday.

Meeting Sewer Committees.

A meeting of the committee on organization and of the several ward committees is called for Friday afternoon, June 18th at 5 p. m. at the office of the Commercial Club.

All committees are requested to report the progress of their work.

William Kelly, Chairman. R. N. Magill, Secretary.

BIG FIRE AT THE BALL PARK

FLAMES TOTALLY DESTROY THE GRAND STAND.

Believed to Be the Work of Fire Bugs—Loss Between Eight and Nine Hundred Dollars—A New Grand Stand to Be Built at Once.

The grand stand, dressing rooms, ticket office and north fence of the baseball grounds were today destroyed by fire this morning about 2 o'clock.

It was shortly before this hour that the fire bell aroused the entire community and by the time assistance could be had the east side of the stand was enveloped in flames, with no possible chance of staying them.

The fire was first observed by passengers crossing the ferry from Matamoros, some time after midnight. It was some time before a fire alarm could be turned in, owing to difficulty in rousing the central telephone office.

About twenty-five or thirty Americans and a few Mexicans responded. It being outside the city fire limits, and having no water connection, the fire department was unable to assist in fighting the fire. The men who did go to the scene worked like Trojans, but could do nothing more than to check the flames before they reached the bleachers, which was done by tearing up the planks connecting the two.

Among those who assisted most faithfully in fighting the flames were Policemen Cesario Leal and Felix Calderon and Deputy Sheriff Marcos Sanchez, who did all in their power to save the park.

When Juní Cobolini, who is one of the principal stockholders of the company, arrived on the scene he immediately set to work in an endeavor to save a portion of the stand. With the assistance of many of his friends he succeeded in chopping away the underpinning from the part that was still unburned, and for a moment he thought they might be successful in saving a part of it. It was not to be, however, for the flames in the meantime had eaten their way to this portion of the stand. The fire demon, holding it firmly in its grasp, devoured every particle of the inflammable material. Then, for lack of further fuel to feed on, it died the slow, suffocating death usually attending such conflagrations. This morning nothing but the ashes remained to mark where once stood our beautiful grand stand.

The origin of the fire is unknown but it is believed to be incendiary, and the outgrowth of a quarrel which took place at the park recently.

Mr. Cobolini says the loss will be in the neighborhood of eight or nine hundred dollars. There was no insurance.

Mr. Cobolini also stated to The Herald this morning that he would erect a new stand immediately and that when the players returned from their trip, they would find a new and comfortable grand stand to greet them. It is inconceivable how the fire could have originated, at such an hour, unless by the hand of a fire-bug.

Mr. Cobolini stated that with a few barrels of water he could have saved the major portion of the grand stand.

MOVING PICTURE SHOWS SHOULD TAKE CARE

Bad Pictures May Do Incalculable Harm to Children—A Censor Is Needed.

The newspapers recently contained a story of a couple of juveniles who witnessed a moving picture show hanging and then went home and hanged a 5-year-old playmate. Until the pictures cease to depict killings and lawbreaking, and the interior of bawdy houses, and the butchering of animals, the shows of each town should be compelled by an ordinance to support a censor to be appointed by the mayor, and whose duty it would be to pass on each picture before it is presented to the public. Houston has had some bad pictures exhibited, and the amount of harm these pictures do to the minds of children is incalculable.—Houston Post.

UNION DANCE A DELIGHTFUL AFFAIR.

Last night was the occasion of another of the "Union" dances of Matamoros. These affairs are looked forward to by Brownsville people with much pleasure. They are always a source of the greatest enjoyment, as Brownsville society is treated always in royal fashion, when the guests of their Matamoros neighbors.

The club employed the best of music for the dance—an orchestra of about a dozen pieces. The program included was both Spanish and English music, waltzes, schottisches, lancers, etc. After the 12th dance a delightful supper was served, consisting

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OFFICERS OF THE MEXICAN ARMY

REWARDED FOR LONG AND FAITHFUL SERVICE.

Medals Presented By Gen. Villar to Officers of 3rd Military Zone, Who Have Served Over 25 Years—Imposing Ceremony.

Yesterday afternoon in Matamoros, twelve officers of the Mexican army of the Third Military Zone of Mexico were decorated with medals in recognition of long and faithful service rendered by them. This ceremony was enacted yesterday in commemoration of the victory won by the Mexican army under General Escobedo over the French, near Camargo on June 16, 1868, yesterday being the anniversary of that memorable event.

These medals were awarded in compliance with the rule of the Mexican government for so recognizing and rewarding those officers who have rendered continuous and honorable service in the army for twenty-five years or over.

The event was carried out with impressive ceremonies. A parade headed by the 2nd Mexican Cavalry band, in which both the cavalry and the infantry stationed in Matamoros, participated, preceded the ceremony. After passing through the streets, the troops were halted in front of the city hall facing Hidalgo Plaza, where they were lined up by their officers. Seats were provided near the front for the officers who were to receive

medals. General Lauro Villar, commanding the third military zone, who conducted the ceremony, rode down the front of the line. He was mounted on a handsome horse and wore on his breast a number of medals which he himself had won by distinguishing himself in his country's service during a long and honorable career. He was escorted by several other mounted officers. Stopping in front of the municipal palace, the general dismounted, and the ceremony of presenting the medals was begun. In brief but appropriate terms Gen. Villar addressed the soldiers, explaining the nature of the occasion, referring eloquently to the long years of faithful and honorable service of the officers who had won the distinction of receiving the medals which he was about to award. He then dismounted and began the presentation of the medals, each officer approaching the general as his name was called and receiving the reward to which his merits entitled him.

There were three classes of distinctions to be rewarded, the medals for each class being inscribed accordingly. The first class was for thirty years or more of continuous and honorable service in the army, the second for twenty-five years and the third for twenty years of similar service.

Col. Mariano Gonzales was the only one to receive a medal of the first class, while Col. Ricardo Peña was the only one to receive one of the second class. Those who received the third class medals were Col. Praxedes Cavazos, Col. Jesus Manella, Col. Jose R. Moreno, Lt. Col. Jose Boncerra, Lt. Col. Alejo Fuentes, Lt. Col. Fency Aubert, Maj. Florencio Rojas, Capt. Alberto Cavazos and Maj. Justo Romero. At the conclusion of the presentation of medals, the troops again paraded, passing in front of the municipal building where they were reviewed by the officers, after which the ceremonies of the day were concluded.

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